

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1138

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Blount Cartwright of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Blount Cartwright; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an avid learner and diligent student, Thomas Cartwright graduated from West End High School in 1943 and from Peabody College in 1950, where he was elected President of the Student Council, President of Phi Chi Alpha Fraternity, and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, an American patriot, Mr. Cartwright answered duty's call and bravely served his country with honor as a member of the United States Army, courageously carrying out his missions in Europe and the Philippines during World War II and rendering sterling service throughout the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, following in the noble footsteps of his father and his grandfather before him, Thomas Cartwright became the youngest elected Sheriff of Davidson County in 1956; during his two extraordinary terms, he diligently worked to establish a brighter future for the good people of Davidson County and established the first school mothers' patrol in the county school system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright served with acumen as the Assistant Director of the Sales Tax Division for the State of Tennessee and as a respected partner in the farm machinery dealership, Tom Cartwright and Son, before beginning his illustrious career in hospital administration; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Cartwright cultivated a reputation for the utmost professionalism and unparalleled integrity through his roles as business manager of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, administrator of Nashville General Hospital, and Chief Executive Officer of Johnston Memorial Hospital, where he ably served until his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, a true leader among his peers, Mr. Cartwright offered his tireless work ethic, brilliant business expertise, and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life as a member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Hospital Association, Blue Cross of Southwest Virginia, the Southwest Virginia Hospital Council, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Association, the Downtown Sertoma Club, and the Seminole Florida Shrine Club; and

WHEREAS, he was also a valued member of the Royal Order of Jesters, a 32nd degree Mason, and a fifty-year member of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge #414, the Scottish Rite, and Al Menah Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Thomas Cartwright was an active and devout member of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, Virginia, where he faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was strongly devoted to his family, and he endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Y. Cartwright, and his mother, Ruby Blount Cartwright Gupton; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Cartwright enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Martha Kennedy Cartwright; and he was the proud father of Diane Cartwright Bauer, Thomas Y. Cartwright II, and Steven K. Cartwright; and the doting grandfather of Fawn Bauer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Blount Cartwright, reflecting fondly upon

his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cartwright.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.